

Joe Esposito
10120 W. Flamingo Rd # 4-106
Las Vegas, Nevada 89147

Letter of Authenticity

I, Joe Esposito, road manager and friend to Elvis Aaron Presley for over 17 and a half years, hereby attest to the following information:

Anybody that knows anything about Elvis Aaron Presley, know that he loved to give cars to his friends. On Jan. 14, 1976 Elvis and all of us were up in Vail, Colorado on a vacation. Shirley Dieu my girlfriend was with me.

Elvis tells me that we wants to buy a couple of cars for 2 of his friends from Denver. 2 Denver police officer, Capt. Jerry Kennedy and Ron Pietrafeso. They were with us too. They were very good friends of ours. So I called the Jack Kent Cadillac dealer in Denver and told them what Elvis wanted to do. Elvis bought cars from them before.

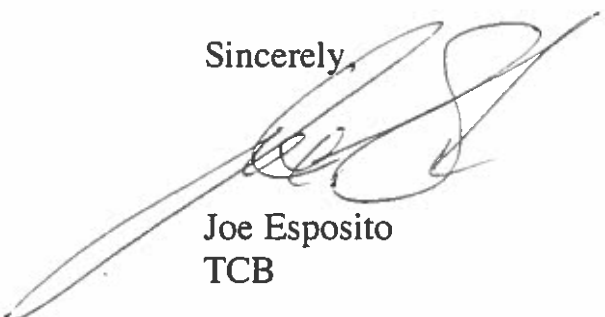
We all drive to Denver. Elvis, Linda Thompson. Red & Pat West, Shirley & me, etc. Elvis buys 2 cars for Jerry & Ron. They were so excited. While we were there, there was a Green Rolls Royce in the show room. Elvis asked me if I liked that car. I said that's a cool one. He said "I will buy it for you". I told him "no". That's way to expensive. He said then "I will buy Shirley a car". I said that's good she could use one. He saw this 1976 Green Cadillac Eldorado and he asked her is she liked that one. She said would rather have a White One if they have one. I asked the dealer if they had a White One and they didn't. So we took the Green one that night. Jack Kent said he would try and find one for her and let us know?

I get a phone call from the Jack Kent Cadillac dealer in April 1977 telling me that they have a new 1977 Blue Cadillac Eldorado (VIN # 6L47S7Q232415) and wanted to know if she would like that one? Shirley said that would be great. So I call Elvis and told him about it and he said if she likes it, get it. He paid the difference.

We purchased the Blue Cadillac on April 26, 1977 and gave them the Green Cadillac back. Shirley really loved the Blue one. I get in registered in my name with the Graceland address. The reason we did that because Car Insurance in California was very expensive compared to Tennessee.

When Elvis saw the car, he liked it too. We even took him for a ride in it a few times. Elvis always loved Cadillac's.

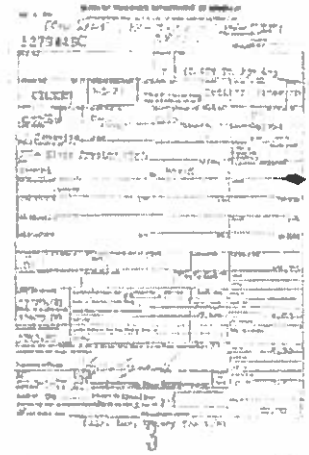
Sincerely,



Joe Esposito
TCB



The new, blue Eldorado was registered to the Graceland address, but delivered to Joe and Shirley's condo in Los Angeles. But, this is not one of those cars Elvis simply gave away... **Elvis was in this Cadillac!** Joe and Shirley both state that when Elvis visited Los Angeles during the last months of his life, this was the car he used. In fact, one of their final memories of the King was riding with him in this Cadillac down Santa Monica Blvd. All of this has been fully documented including: a copy of the original registration (at right, [click here](#)



[to enlarge](#)), a written Certificate of Authenticity from Joe Esposito, and a video by both Joe and Shirley on the history of this car. The car is now owned by Elvis collector and Tribute Artist [Jeremy Pearce](#), who also owns [The EP Mobile Museum](#). You can find out additional details about this Cadillac and its Elvis connections on the famous and authoritative [Elvis Cadillacs website](#)...just [click here!](#)

Elvis and Joe Esposito, together on April 26, 1977

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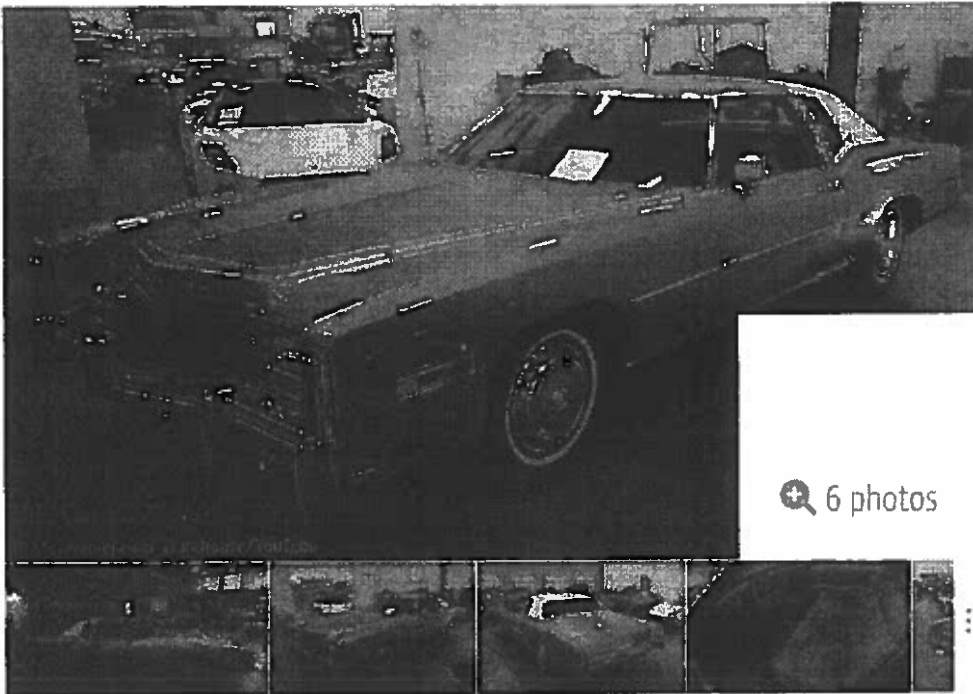


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Elvis Presley's Last Cadillac Is a 6K-Mile, 45-Year-Old Time Capsule

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Dubbed the "King of Rock and Roll," Elvis Presley loved to sing and party. But he also loved Cadillacs. He bought his first Cadillac in 1955 and remained a loyal customer until he passed away in 1977.



Sure, he owned other cars as well, including the 1971 Stutz Blackhawk that found a new home in November 2022 for almost \$300,000, but Elvis was primarily seen in Cadillacs. And not only he used them for personal transportation and touring, but he also gave them away to family, friends, and even complete strangers.



There are no records as to how many he purchased in over two decades, but we're talking about tens of them. The actual numbers will remain a mystery, but some of the Cadillacs he bought are quite legendary. The pink 1955 Fleetwood Sixty Special, for instance, is arguably the most iconic.

Many of them aren't all that famous, but this 1977 Eldorado in metallic blue definitely deserves more attention. Why? Well, it's the last Cadillac that Elvis Presley paid for. It's also one of those cars he gave away.

Specifically, he purchased this Eldorado two-door for Shirley Dieu, the girlfriend of Joe Esposito, his road manager. The story goes that Shirley initially got a green 1976 Eldorado after the dealership could not locate a white example, which was her first choice. Unable to get her the white Cadillac throughout 1976, the dealer offered her the blue Eldorado in early 1977. She liked it and Elvis paid for the car in April 1977, less than four months before he died.

It wasn't the last vehicle he bought though. In June, Elvis signed a check for a 1977 Lincoln Mark V. While Presley didn't drive the Eldorado, he rode in the car with Esposito and Dieu during one of his final visits to Los Angeles.

Come 2022 and the Cadillac looks just as stunning as it did back in 1977. It's still all-original from bumper to bumper and it has only 6,620 miles (10,654 km) on the odometer. The stunning classic was dropped by Horsepower Warehouse and you can see a full walkaround from the 6:00-minute mark in the video below. 🚩



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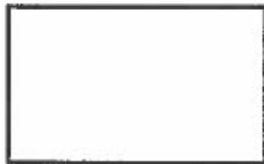
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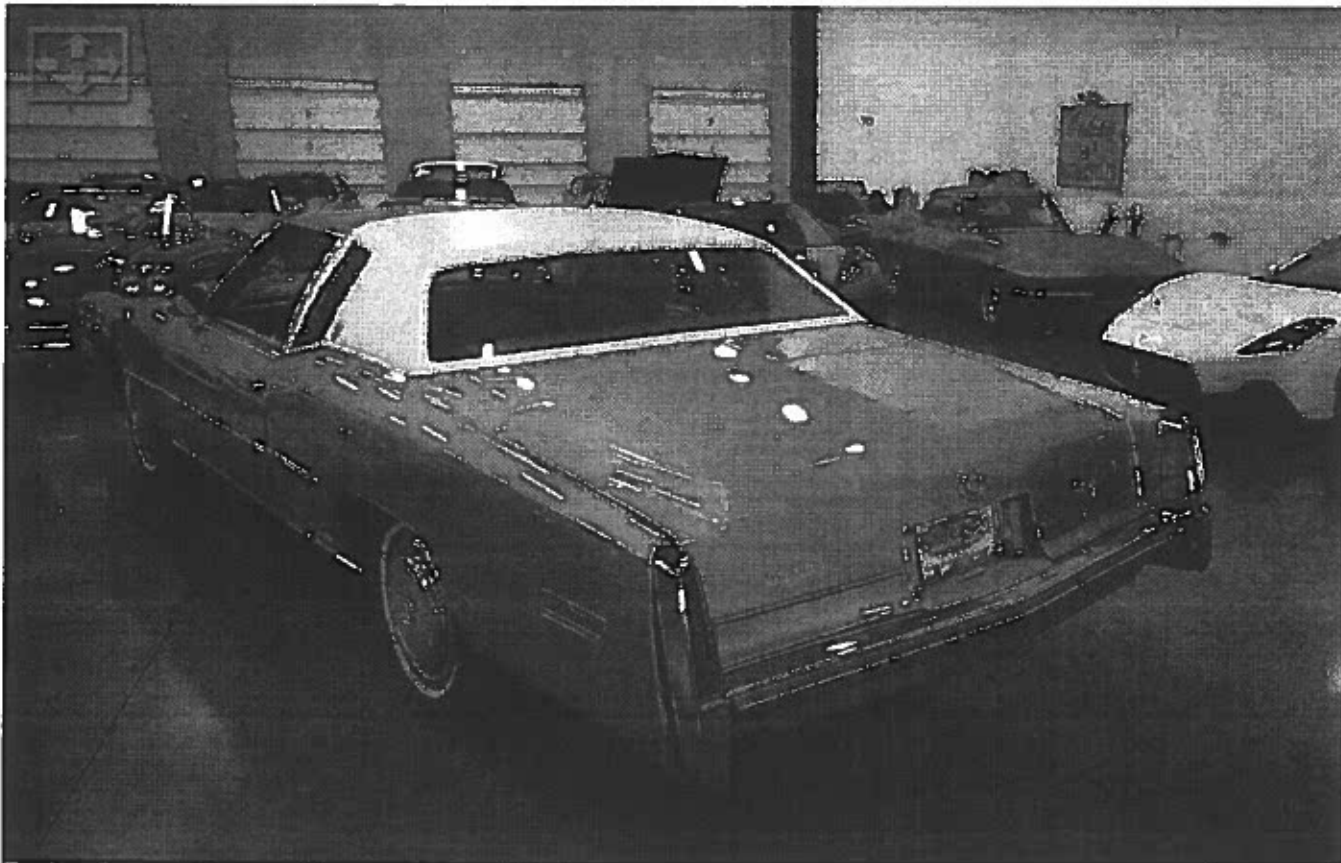
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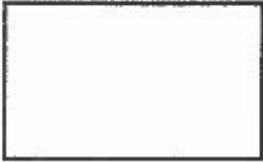
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Dear Donald Mccaskill,

Congratulations! Your loan has been approved with a low monthly payment of \$1,540.37 at a low interest rate of 9.75%

The following pages are the loan documents for the 1977 Cadillac Eldorado. The documents are time sensitive and should be returned as soon as possible so that your loan can be funded quickly and conveniently. Just follow the next easy steps and overnight the original signed documents to us with the provided FedEx label. **PLEASE NOTE: We can do DocuSign in most cases to avoid having to notarize, or FedEx documents for a much quicker process!**

1. **Sign documents** – Sign the following documents where indicated with an "X", remember, the last page must be notarized (unless using DocuSign, which does not require notary).
2. **Legible copy of your driver's license** – Please ensure that the copy is completely legible. If your license does not match your current residence, please include a current utility bill.
3. **Income verification** - *Employed* - Copy of 2 recent paystubs and your most recent W2.
Self-Employed - Most recent years complete signed 1040 tax return, include extension if applicable.
Retired - We can use benefit letters, itemized bank statements or signed 1040 tax returns.
4. **Proof of down payment** – Copy of the down payment made out to the seller (i.e. certified check, personal check, credit card receipt, bank statement showing funds are available etc.)
5. **Proof of Insurance** – We highly recommend our in-house agency, JJ Best Insurance, which provides the quickest and most convenient way to get your loan funded. Contact us now at insurance@jjbest.com, or call us at (888) 423-7846, also one of agents will contact you with a quote. Insurance should state *J.J. Best & Co, 60 N Water St. New Bedford MA 02740* as loss payee with \$500 or less deductible is required before funding.

Please contact us by email or phone with the seller's name, address and phone number so that we may set up the collateral verification on the vehicle. We will also need the following items from the seller.

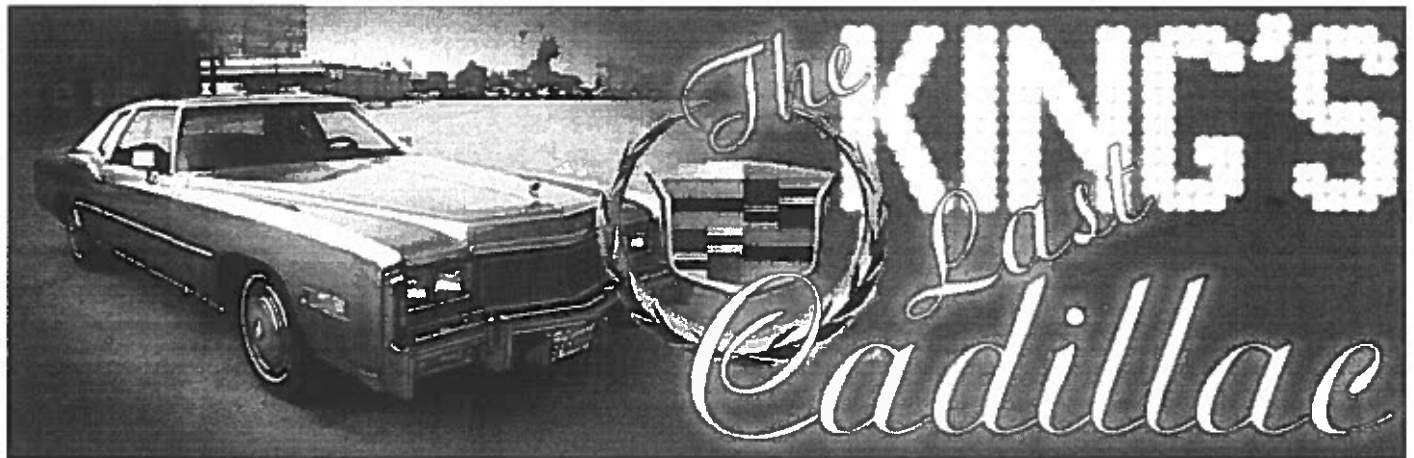
6. **Legible copy of the title** - Copy of the front and back of the title of the vehicle you are purchasing.
7. **Purchase agreement** - Copy of the purchase agreement, intent to sell or bill of sale between you and the seller. We can provide a form for you if needed.

Please overnight these documents back to us with our prepaid FedEx label (unless using DocuSign, which does not require Fedex), a link to the label has been emailed to you. Contact us if you have not received the link 1 (800)-USA-1965 so we can quickly forward another on to you. We look forward to helping you **DRIVE YOUR DREAM!**

Sincerely,

The J.J. BEST TEAM
Best Banc Building
60 N. Water St.
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone – (800) 872-1965 Fax – (508) 991-8329
customerservice@jjbest.com

Above items provided for review may require additional supporting documentation based on partial, incomplete documentation and or loan amount.


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The History

Elvis Presley loved Cadillacs! In his opinion, a new Cadillac was the ultimate symbol of American style and luxury. The stories of him giving them away to family, friends, and even complete strangers are legendary. Here is the story of the very last Cadillac ever purchased by the King...



On January 14, 1976, Elvis went on a famous car buying spree at Jack Kent Cadillac in Denver, Colorado. One of the people who received a car that night was Shirley Dieu, the girlfriend of Elvis' road manager Joe Esposito. She was offered a green Eldorado after the dealership could not locate a white one, which was her first choice. Elvis suggested she accepted the green one as a "placeholder" until she could get one she really wanted. Early the following year, the dealership called Joe and Shirley in California to offer them a brand new 1977 baby blue Eldorado, since they still couldn't locate a white one for them. Joe said he would need to call Elvis first to see what he thought. According to Joe, Elvis told him, "No problem, if Shirley likes the blue one, then get it...I'll pay for it." They decided to take the new one and traded the green one back to Jack Kent - **Elvis paid for the new car on April 26, 1977 (less than four months before his death), making it the last Cadillac that Elvis would pay for in his lifetime.**

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND REGISTRATION

MISS REEVE'S 741-3101 - ~~744-3381~~
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INVOICE NO.

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		B	6L 47S 7Q 232 415					
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Esposito, Joe								
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3764 Elvis Presley Blvd.					2 DIESEL			
CITY					3 ELECTRIC			
Memphi					4 PROPANE			
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TN 38116								
1ST LIENHOLDER					KIND	DATE		
NONE								
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12485.00		Subtotal				1.00		
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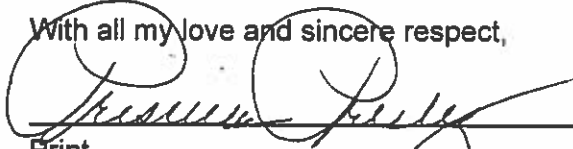


This 1977 Cadillac Eldorado was the last Cadillac that Elvis ever purchased. The car was purchased by Elvis in April 1977 for Joe Esposito's girlfriend and Elvis' friend, Shirley Dieu.



Elvis was the most generous person I have ever met. He truly loved giving gifts and buying cars for the people he loved. Joe Esposito was one of Elvis' closest friends and confidantes, and it was no surprise to anyone when he offered to buy Shirley a car when she needed one. Elvis first purchased a green 1976 Eldorado for Shirley in January 1976 while in Colorado, where he also purchased two vehicles for Denver policemen Jerry Kennedy and Ron Pietrafeso. Joe Esposito and Shirley were later contacted by the dealership in April 1977 offering this new blue 1977 Eldorado and because Shirley really loved the blue one, Elvis paid the difference and purchased the newer vehicle without hesitation. Elvis rode in this Cadillac with Joe Esposito on a few occasions.

With all my love and sincere respect,



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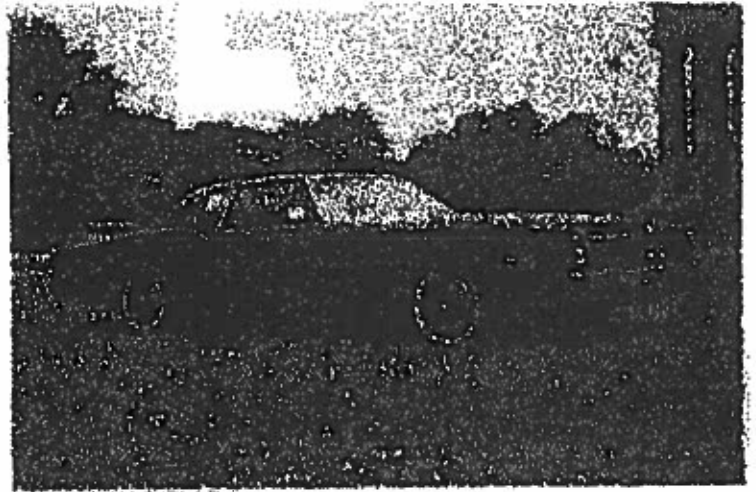


JACK KENT CADILLAC INC.

1825 SOUTH COLORADO BLVD., DENVER, COLORADO 80222

TELEPHONE 757-8311

May 19, 1977



Mrs. Arlene B. Mohler
3385 S. Newport Street
Denver, Colorado 80224

Dear Arlene:

This is to verify and document that Elvis A. Presley at 2 a. m. on January 14, 1976 did purchase from Jack Kent Cadillac, Inc. one new 1976 Eldorado Coupe, Fire Mist Greenbriar Green, serial number 64756Q188385.

I so attest,

Sincerely,

R. L. "Skeet" Antonio
Vice-President and
General Manager

RLA:mk

cc: 3

PURCHASE 1976 Cadillac
RAN PETER EFFRO
WYNDA THOMAS
SHIRLEY DIEU

E. A. PRESLEY
3764 HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38116

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Forty Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty Nine DOLLARS

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Signature of Owner						1.50	
DATE OF APPLICATION				COUNTY COURT CLERK		SUBTOTAL	
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STATE OF TN				COUNTY OF Shelby		ISSUANCE FEE	
COUNTY STICKER NO.				02		COUNTY FEE	
SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS 5 DAY OF 1977						TOTAL	
NOTARY PUBLIC (SEAL)				COMMISSION EXPIRES		22.00	

Sales tax, Notary fee 1.00

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A black and white close-up portrait of a woman with voluminous, styled hair. She is wearing a white top with dark horizontal stripes and a large, matching striped bow at the neck. She has a serious expression and is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

Princess

LIVING IN "THE ELVIS WORLD"
BY SHIRLEY DIEU

To

Jimmy
Glad my address
is in Fred's hands. Jane
Care of it with KC

Love you
Luis

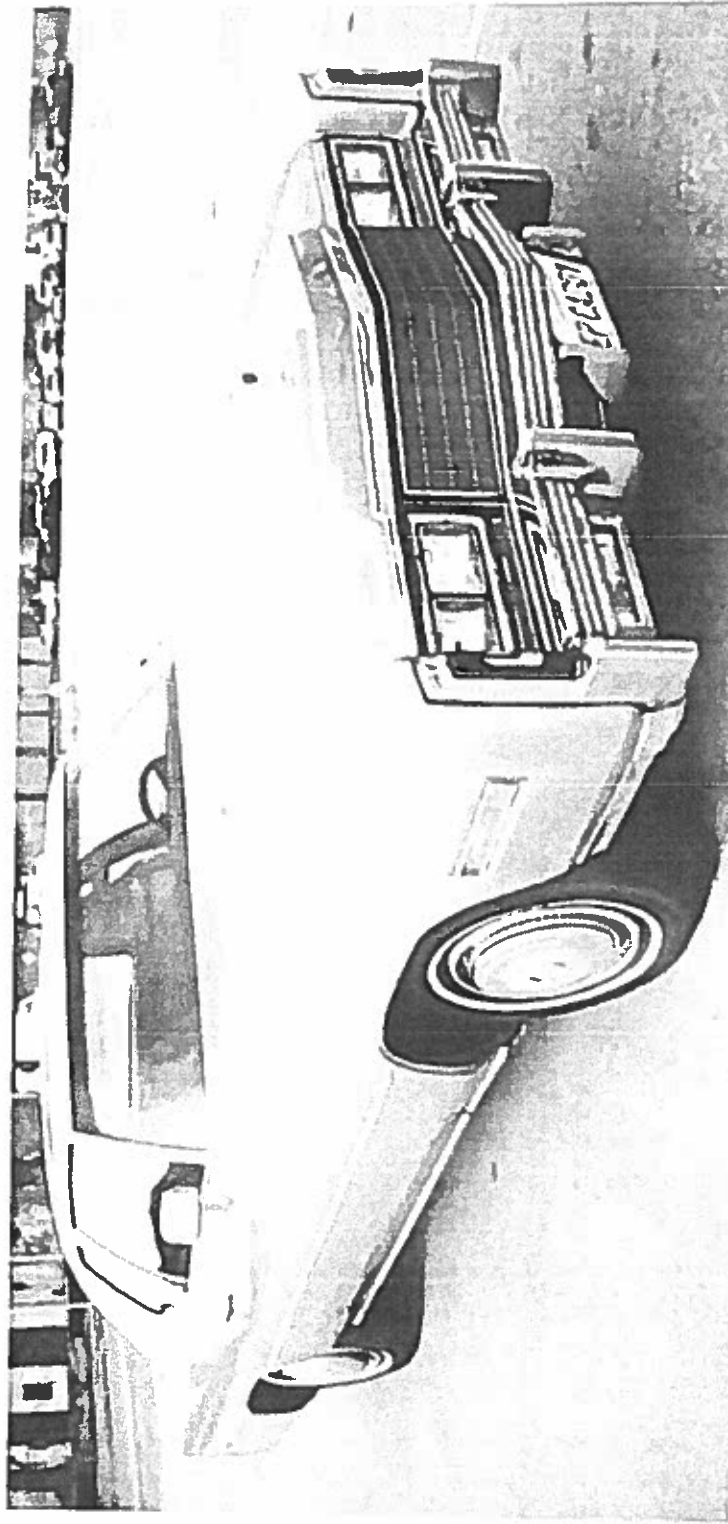
Joe and I had an opportunity to spend a few days at home before the upcoming tour. We had only been home for a short time when Joe received a phone call from Jack Kent Cadillac in Denver, Colorado. They informed us

BETRAYAL

that they had not received a white Eldorado like they had promised Elvis that they would find for me, but they did have a baby blue Eldorado. Someone had gotten the okay from Elvis to buy me this one if I wanted it. Joe asked me if I still wanted to wait for the white one, but since Joe already had a white one for himself, the baby blue sounded fine to me and, after all, it was now a newer year model. Years later, I found out that there was a collector who actually wanted the green one, and Jack Kent sold it to him. After all, how hard could it have been to find a white Eldorado in a year and a half? Elvis paid the difference, and then someone from the dealership showed up at our door within a few days and brought the beautiful 1977 baby blue Eldorado to our front door. I said goodbye to my 1976 deep emerald green Eldorado and fell in love with the new baby blue one. Getting a new car was pretty much a regular occurrence in the Elvis world, but it was still just exciting every time Elvis would buy one for someone. At one point, when Elvis made a short trip back to Beverly Hills, I thanked him once more for the baby blue Eldorado and took him for a ride in it. Elvis seemed happy to have gotten me another car and I was once again grateful to have gotten it from such a wonderful friend.

MEMPHIS MAFIA PRINCESS

called Auto Steigler and trade in the baby blue Eldorado for a tobacco brown 450SL. It wasn't that I didn't like the Eldorado. I did, but we had two almost identical cars, and we needed a smaller one. It wasn't as if it was the last car that either of us would get from Elvis, we thought. Elvis was always buying cars for all of us. When we traded in the car for the Mercedes, we never even mentioned to anyone at the dealership that Elvis had bought it for me. Even so, I later found out that the baby blue Eldorado was snatched up immediately by Jack Kent Cadillac in Denver, Colorado and then sold to a fan. I have no idea how they were tracking it or how they knew that we had even sold it, but they did. Years later, it was bought by a friend of mine, Jeremy Pearce, who now shares it with the fans at his EP Mobile Museum.



This is a picture of the Cadillac Elvis bought for me in April 1977, making it the last Cadillac Elvis would ever buy. It is on display at Jeremy Pearce's Elvis Museum.

Bottom photo courtesy of Jeremy Pearce; Other photos from the author's personal collection